

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

Public Servants - All India Services – Allegations of misappropriation of Government funds against Sri K.Pothu Raju, FSO and E. Narasimhulu, IFS formerly Conservator of Forests, Wild Life, Eluru, West Godavari District, along with other 4 Officials - Disciplinary proceedings initiated - Appointment of Common Inquiry officer & Presenting Officer – Orders - Issued.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC-D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 4047

Dated: 15.12.2014.

Read the following:-

1. Proceedings RC.No.1512/2010-S3 (1), Dt.15.06.2010 of Divisional Forest Officer, Eluru Division, Eluru.
2. G.O.Rt.No.655, General Administration (SC.D) Dept. Dated: 14.02.2011.
3. From the PCCF (HoFF) No.18557/2007/P1, Dated: 22.06.2012 & 4.12.2012.
4. G.O.Rt.No.4711, General Administration (SC.D) Dept. Dated: 30.10.2013.
5. From EFS&T (For.IV) Dept, U.O.Note No.8899/For.IV/A1/2009-4,Dated. 19.12.2012.

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**ORDER:**

Whereas, in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, certain charges have been framed against Sri K.Pothu Raju, Forest Section Officer, office of the Forest Range Officer, Eluru, for committing grave misconduct in the work construction of boundary pillars and watch towers. The Charged officer has submitted his written statement of defence, denying the charges framed against him on the grounds stated therein.

2. Whereas, on the similar charges, disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri E.Narasimhulu, IFS, formerly C.F, WLD, Eluru, Division, Sri S. Venkata Ramana, DFO (Retd.) Sri R. Satyanarayana Singh, FRO Sri G. Rama Krishna, Forest Beat Officer, Sri V.V.K.Sudhakara Rao, FBO (Retd.)

3. Whereas, in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above in terms of rule 8 (2) of All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969, read with sub-rule (2) of rule 20 read and Rule 24 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991, Government, after careful examination, entrusted the charges framed against the said officials to Sri Sammi Reddy, IFS (Retd.), Commissioner Of Inquiries, General Administration Dept, as the common Inquiring Authority. In terms of Rule 8 (6) (c) of All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969 Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Management Eluru has been appointed as "Common Presenting Officer" to present the case on behalf of the Government before the Inquiring Authority .

4. Whereas, aggrieved by this Sri K.Pothu Raju, Forest Section Officer filed O.A.No.8525, before the Hon'ble A.P.Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad and the Hon'ble Tribunal in its interim orders dated: 19.12.2013 have stayed further proceedings with regard to conducting of enquiry against the applicant. The Commission of Inquiries has stopped Inquiry in respect of Sri K.Pothu Raju, FSO. Against the interim orders of Hon'ble Tribunal. Govt. have filed W.P.No.23645 of 2014 before the Hon'ble High Court. The Hon'ble High Court in its orders dated: 28.08.2014 set aside the orders of the Tribunal and directed the Govt. to complete the enquiry within four months.

5. Accordingly, in terms of rule 8 (2) of All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969, read with sub-rule (2) of rule 20 read and Rule 24 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991, Govt. hereby appoint Sri K.Sahadeva Reddy, Commission of Inquiries, General Administration (C.O.I) Department as Inquiring Authority to conduct inquiry into the Charges framed against Sri K.Pothu Raju, FSO (Retd.) In terms of Rule 8 (6) (c) of All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969, Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Management Eluru is hereby appointed as " Presenting Officer" to present the case on behalf of the Government before the Inquiring Authority in respect of the charges framed against Sri K.Pothu Raju, Forest Section Officer (Retd.)

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6. The Inquiring Authority shall conduct inquiry into the charges framed against Sri K. Pothu Raju, FSO (Retd.) and to furnish his report to the Government **within 2 months positively.**

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJESHWAR TIWARI  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (POLL)

To  
Sri K.Sahadeva Reddy, Commission of Inquiries,  
General Administration (C.O.I) Department.

Sri K. Pothu Raju, FSO, (Retd.)  
(Through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P, Hyderabad.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. (He is requested to serve the G.O. on the Charged Officer and furnish the Acknowledgement)

The EFS&T (For.IV) Dept, A.P.Secretariat, Hyderabad.

The Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Management Eluru  
Presenting Officer through PCCF, Hyderabad.

The G.A (COI-R) Department.

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SECTION OFFICER (SC)